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**Public Health Committee Public Hearing**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016**

**Connecticut Association of Health Plans**

**Testimony In Support of**

**HB 5053 AA Increasing Access to Overdose Reversal Drugs**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans is pleased to support the Governor's initiative HB 5053 AA Increasing Access to Overdose Reversal Drugs. Section 2 of the bill requires that drug coverage of opioid antagonist medications such as naloxone hydrochloride or other similarly acting or equally safe drugs be provided by both individual and group policies without prior authorization. While all the major commercial health insurance carriers do not currently require prior authorization for such drugs in recognition of their importance, we applaud the Governor's call to reflect such policy in statute and support the proposal before you.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.